

Minutes 18th September, 2018

Attendance: Tony Fowler, Margaret Fowler, Steve Gates, Mary Syme, Catherine Hall, Elaine Sargent, Toni Warden, Jane Wallis

Apologies:, Katharine Outten, Kevin Goss

Minutes of last meeting accepted by Margaret, and seconded by Elaine.

Business Arising:

- Gavour Rd. (referred to General Business).
- Wilkins Rd. (referred to General Business).
- City of Kalamunda divestment plans to invest in financial institutions which do not support fossil fuel activities was passed at the last General Council meeting
- New runway. The new runway project shows little concern for the natural environment. Passenger convenience and airport revenue have priority, regardless of past conservation activities undertaken and environmental statements in previous Environmental Strategies. Steve reported that the Conservation Council has an area on its website for those who are willing to start an on-line environmental campaign to address environmental issues, and which could be used in regard to Perth Airport North development: <https://ccwa.good.do/protectnativeanimals/contact/>. Toni suggested a short term Go Fund Me campaign to raise funds to fight for awareness. It was also suggested that perhaps Super Funds could be contacted re. investing in Perth Airport Corporation.

Correspondence Out

- 24 August. Perth Airport new runway draft MDP submission, also sent to Matthew Hughes, Minister Dawson and relevant Federal Ministers.

Correspondence In:

- ATO. Notification of withdrawal of Charity Tax concession status (via ACNC). Margaret commented that this is not a problem since no income tax will be paid.
- Numerous emails with plans of Schmitt Road blocks, dealt with in General Business.

Reports.

President:

- Aug. 28. Attended OCM ref. ethical/non-fossil investment of excess funds, Steve and Catherine also there.
- Sept. 4. Meeting with Matthew Hughes, updating him on our Wilkins/Gavour activities.
- Sept. 5. Schmitt Road saga starts with calls from residents on clearing activity. Far too much time spent sorting out the details of this question. Phone calls to Minister Saffioti's office, Landgate, DBCA, Ray White Real Estate and visits to City of Kalamunda for mapping information.
- Sept. 6. ACES meeting at Perth Airport. >20 present. For the benefit of tenants and, to get it off my chest, I gave a history of the airport's shocking environmental record, excluding the valiant efforts of environmental staff from this verbal 'spray'.

Treasurer:

- Account #1 - \$1349.23
- Account #2 - \$267.93
- Members = 86

KEAC:

- Kevin has submitted his apology for the meeting. However, KEAC minutes are available online at

Volunteer hours

Toornaart Creek TBA by Kevin Goss	Crumpet Creek -	Poison Gully 5	Ray Owen -
		Old Yorna Rd -	Other -

General Business

- Constitution revision Meeting with Catherine later this month. Tony, Margaret and Catherine to discuss changes, and changes will be brought back to the next meeting.
- Wilkins Road. Creating Class A reserve, access permission – on going. Dallas Lynch asked for an update. Josh Caccetta is handling the matter of access permission.
- Lot 500 Gavour Road. Nothing further heard yet from Iris Jones or Rob Leighton.
- Web matters including Facebook – Toni reported that she has been regularly updating Facebook and the issues she has been focusing on are, Saving Brixton Street Wetlands, Complete Bush Forever and WA Forest Alliance (re. forest burning and management). Toni suggested putting a Go Fund Me link onto Facebook to link with Conservation Council, in targeting the lack of protection for native animals and bushland.
- Prescribed burning and asbestos concerns at Ledger Road. Tony had phoned Julian Cole CoK, who suggested we contact the Senior Mitigation Officer Michael Hall. Toni Warden was advised by him that the Ledger Road site is now undergoing a Detailed Site Assessment Inspection, with test-pitting for asbestos. However, only a small amount has been done and a much larger sample is needed for testing. CoK denied water is being pumped from the dam to the school oval. Byron and Longfellow roads are gazetted dumps and there is asbestos everywhere. Toni will keep us up-to-date with this.
- Wattle Grove industrialization study by City of Kalamunda – Charles Dornan maintains that the City of Kalamunda is ignoring the North East sub-regional framework. It should be controlled urban rather than light industrial. NRPG Chair is receiving regular updates from Charles.
- W.A. Fracking report with State government. Out for public comment later (no date). Steve reported the member for Upper Swan, Jessica Shaw, spoke at a FrackFree WA meeting how the Report will influence undecided Labor members. She thinks that Liberal MPs cannot be swayed to keep the moratorium on gas fracking in place. Numbers for Labor to potentially support a moratorium or ban are adequate in the lower house, but may be a problem in the Upper House as they do not have the numbers.
- Schmitt Road - Tony has received emails and phone calls about the clearing and tree pruning. CoK advised that Landcorp plans to amalgamate the three blocks and sell them, in order to reduce State debt. City of Kalamunda does not support the sale. Matthew Hughes MP has requested Minister Saffioti to intervene and put the proposal on hold. These blocks are adjacent to Class-A Reserve 22576 and part of an important ecological corridor along the top of the scarp. Long-term, NRPG wishes to have these blocks added to Reserve 22576, transferred to DBCA and added to the Conservation Estate.
- A brochure containing information on how to assess the fuel loading on one’s property was tabled.
- Channel 9 tower has been dismantled.
- Meeting closed at 8.57 pm

Next meeting: October 16th, 2018